

P20904.A08

Extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

AMENDMENT

Please amend claim 29 as follows (see Appendix for changes):

29. (Amended) Knee prosthesis comprising:

a metal base secured to an anchoring rod for fixing it into a tibia of a patient;

a plastic tibia plate freely slidable over said base;

the metal base and the tibia plate having a guide mechanism defining a center of rotation, the guide mechanism allowing the plate to slide in rotation over said base;

said guide mechanism being positioned a given distance from the center of rotation.

Please add the following new claims:

--58. Knee prosthesis comprising:

a metal base secured to an anchoring rod for securing it into a tibia of a patient;

a plastic tibia plate freely slidable over said base;

the metal base having an arc-shaped guide mechanism;

said arc-shaped guide mechanism projecting from the metal base and having a central part disposed between side parts,

wherein the central part projects a greater distance from the metal base than the two

side parts.

59. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein the metal base has a curved anterior portion and a straight posterior portion.

60. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein the plastic tibia plate has a curved anterior portion and a straight posterior portion.

C² 61. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein the metal base comprises a disk portion whose upper surface is planar and an anchoring rod portion which projects from a lower surface of the disk portion.

62. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein said arc-shaped guide mechanism has a center axis which corresponds to a tibia bone axis.

63. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein the central part has a straight upper edge.

64. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein each of the side parts are

symmetrical.

65. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein the central part is disposed centrally between said side parts.

66. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein the central part and the side parts comprise the same thickness.

C² 67. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein the central part is integrally formed with the side parts.

68. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein each of the side parts comprises a surface which is oriented perpendicularly to an upper surface of the metal base.

69. Knee prosthesis according to Claim 58, wherein the metal base comprises a disk portion whose upper surface is planar and an anchoring rod portion which projects from a lower surface of the disk portion and wherein the anchoring rod portion comprises two parallel surfaces and two other surfaces which are not parallel to one another.